

Andrew Jackson to Francis Preston Blair, May 11, 1837, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO FRANCIS P. BLAIR.

Hermitage, May 11, 1837.

. . . . I wish your prompt attention to the reiterated falshood by the Intelligencer of Saturday the 27 april taken from the Newyork Star, and under the head of the Newyork correspondence of april 27. the first reiterates the falshood of my draft for \$6000 being protested. this I have adverted to [in] the inclosed letter, *it is a positive falshood* , no draft by me of any kind, for any amount, has been drew upon any one for twenty years. the latter refers to consignments made by "Genl Jackson and some of his friends are suffering severely by the failure of one of the great Houses in Neworleans to whom their consignments had been made"—to give it a coulouring of truth it further adds "A neighbour of Genl Jackson from Tennessee, now in this city, and a political friend of his, says such is the fact." The whole is a positive falshood, there is no neighbour of mine now at N.York, every body here knows that my cotton was sent to that honest man Col M. White who sold it for 16/100 pr lb, and remitted me part of the mony to the city of washington, and the ballance to our Merchant in Nashville. I have endorsed for no one, have no connection with bank, banking companys or company of Land speculators, or individual Speculators in Land, Cotton, or any thing else, that I own no land except the tracts on which I live except one in the Western District of 840 acres, long since bought and paid for at a very high price. I am thus particular that you may hereafter contradict, all the lies of Joe Gales, Webb and Noah,¹ who appear to fatten on slandering their neighbours, and hire writers to lie for them, and then send their falshoods over the country in hopes that those who read their vile and repeated slanders may never see the contradiction. I owe no one, a cent, am

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bound in no liabilities, only for Major A J. Donelson and my son, and that for the negroes they bought of Captain Eliason, for their own use and now on farms adjoining me. The Banner has published from the Newyork Enquirer, "that I am bound for \$300,000, which I was bound for and liable for in consequence of the failure of Yateman and Woods Bank etc." The Editor when he published this knew it was false. he lives near John P. Erwin the cashier, and by asking, he must have informed him that I never had any thing to do with the bank, nor any liabilities for any one connected with it. least you may not have the Banner the following is the extract from the National Banner and Nashville Whig May 10th, 1837. "It is rumored that by the failure of the great Tennessee House of Yateman, Woods and Co, Genl Jackson is a severe sufferer, and that he had loaned his name to a relation closely connected with land speculations, to the amount of three hundred thousand dollars (300,00). If so the old chief has to break also, an apt illustration of his own measures ["] The Editor of the Banner and Whig knew that this was a positive lie when they inserted it—this is calhouns work to send forth a coulouring for his falshood pronounced in the senate. I wish you to give a good commentary in the Globe, I will attend to it in the Nashville Union.

1 James Watson Webb and Mordecai M. Noah.

yours in haste

This I write in haste without looking over, the post wait.